

**Virginia Health Reform Initiative  
Service Delivery Taskforce  
September 21, 2010 3:30-4:30pm  
MINUTES**

Public Call In: 1-877-664-7391  
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**Welcome:** Cindi Jones, Director Virginia Health Reform Initiative

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**Agenda for Meeting:**

Overview of VHRI

Describe Framework for reports

Have co-chairs describe what is next step and process for October meeting

Before us is an opportunity to offer an alternative state model for Virginia's Health Reform Initiative. Going beyond federal reform and meet the needs of Virginians and contribute to the economy. Members have been asked to commit time until December 2010, at that time we will be able to identify what Virginia needs to do in order to move forward and get work accomplished.

**Key Question:** Where are we going and what is the end product?

**Four Questions to inform report:**

1. What do we know? (See charge statements and Aug 21<sup>st</sup> presentations)
2. What do we need to know? (Discussion today to determine what information and presentations are needed for October)
3. What are opportunities and challenges (Will receive information in October)
4. What choices does Virginia need to make and what is the plan in each of the six taskforce areas?

**Turn over to co-chairs:**

- Do we have a long range idea on how long this is going to take in developing this plan; is this something that has to be done in 2011 or something in the next few years?
  - Objective is to have a report in December for the Governor to consider. Both short term and long-term options are to be laid out. Options can be broad but there is a short scope for identifying the options.
- What will be the process after the report, how will the process go forward from there?
  - The group will come back together in December after the report is written to help identify what the marching orders will be going forward. The first objective is to

identify what will need to be accomplished. The second step will be to identify how to address that plan.

- Identify explicitly the opportunities Virginia has to standardized practices and improve quality within the system. (Question 4 on Charge)
- FQHCs are they represented on the taskforce? Yes through the Eastern Shore Rural Health System
- Link between insurance reform and IT task force as well as other taskforces to ensure the information is not duplicated among taskforces and that information is shared among them.
- Importance to look at end of life and advance illness care
- How do we understand what barriers are in order to identify how to impact change? We can identify them but do we understand them?
- Where is high impact of utilization for healthcare, what is driving the costs, what services are being utilized?
- We need to manage expectations and understand the timeframe/purview for what the group is working under.
- Challenge will be in answering what the questions are within the timeframe. Need to identify what an appropriate end product will be.
- Need to take advantage of experience of other states and how they have successfully transformed and implemented areas of reform.

Charge from Delegate Hope: pursue grants and look at what other states are doing in terms of delivery (Medical Homes) by type and group. See what has and has not worked.

### **What is needed for October meeting?**

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- Need to define payment and delivery reform for the purposes of this group. Clear definitions of models of delivery reform that would be helpful and allow for taskforce to be starting from the same page. Need articles and information to “crystallize” general ideals and topic areas.
- Presentation on what other states are doing in terms of service delivery to include cost benefits (Medical Homes, ACO, etc.)
- Comments on specific chronic disease management (would allow for subset of focus)

- White Papers that already exist for topic area.

**Closing:**

Members: if you have further comments or ideas please feel free to send to  
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**Next meeting** of Virginia Health Reform Initiative Purchaser Taskforce is October 22, 2010  
1:30-4:30. All meetings at the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) 600  
East Broad Street Richmond, VA 23219 in room 7a/b.

**Framework:** 3 hours

- 1- Talk about and receive presentations identified as needed on September 21, 2010 phone call
- 2- Public Comment (instructions to soon follow)
- 3- Co-chairs will lead discussion and will identify what should be considered by full advisory council meeting.

**Thank You:** co-chairs, taskforce members, George Mason University,

**Adjourn -**